

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 300
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Brown Parrish
upon his induction into the Tennessee Teachers
Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, David Brown Parrish is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of
Fame, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
and enriching influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish has joined the ranks of numerous educators who have been
previously inducted into this circle of honor, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle
Tennessee State University and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major
educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, David Brown Parrish served with
unparalleled acumen and enthusiasm as a teacher of both history and literature for more than
three decades; and

WHEREAS, he earned both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree from George
Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and graduated as Salutatorian of his Gallatin High
School class; and

WHEREAS, he served his country dutifully and honorably in World War II and received
many accolades and awards for his efforts, including the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry

Badge, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his experience and education, Mr. Parrish never failed to expect the best from himself and his students, and he always maintained high standards of classroom conduct, involvement, and educational performance; and

WHEREAS, a teacher who instilled a passion and love for learning in his students, Mr. Parrish earned the admiration and respect of his students and taught them how to engage with the treasures of the past while learning invaluable lessons for the future; and

WHEREAS, he was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during his career to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a highly responsive teacher with an acute awareness of students' needs, he dedicated himself to encouraging his pupils to believe in themselves and their talents; in his classroom, students both read and lived texts through artistic activities and field trips to places of interest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish has truly served as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who have been fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, he remains active in the Gallatin community by continuing to serve on numerous committees and volunteering for Meals on Wheels and retirement centers; and

WHEREAS, named Gallatin's Citizen of the Year by the *News Examiner* in 1996, he has performed commendably as a Sunday School teacher and Archivist at Gallatin Church of Christ, where he was named Christian of the Year in 1989; and

WHEREAS, David Brown Parrish truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest standards of public service and quality education for all, and his life of service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor David Brown Parrish, a man of great inspiration, integrity,

and compassion, upon being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame and reflect fondly upon his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.